

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:635
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PROCUREMENT BY FCI
Dhruvanarayana Shri Rangaswamy

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) the total quantum of paddy, rice, wheat and other agriculture produce procured by the Food Corporation of India (FCI) along with the number of farmers benefited therefrom during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has sanctioned construction of godowns by FCI in the country during 2013-2014;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the success achieved therein including Karnataka;
- (d) whether all the sanctioned godowns have been made operational; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons for delay in making them functional along with the corrective steps taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI RAOSAHEB PATIL DANVE)

(a): The total quantum of paddy, rice, wheat and coarsegrains procured by the Food Corporation of India (FCI) for the central pool during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise is given in Annexure- I to III. The data of number of farmers benefited from procurement operations is not maintained by FCI/Government.

(b) to (e): Yes, Madam. FCI has undertaken construction of godowns in the country during 2013-14 under the following schemes:-

A. Plan Scheme - Government of India has sanctioned a total capacity of 69,350 tonnes for creation during 2013-14. The details of State-wise capacity sanctioned are at Annexure-IV. No capacity under plan scheme has been sanctioned in the State of Karnataka in 2013-14.

B. Private Entrepreneur Guarantee Scheme (PEG): Government has been creating storage capacity under PEG scheme and so far a total capacity of 203.76 lakh tonnes has been approved under the scheme. During 2013-14 net capacity of 11.31 lakh tonnes was sanctioned for creation including creation of 0.37 lakh tonnes capacity for Karnataka.

Normally, a godown takes minimum one years' time for completion, the works sanctioned in 2013-14 are in different stages of construction and there is no delay in completion of capacities sanctioned during 2013-14.